

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

S.C.R. 55. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on its 25th anniversary.

Whereas, NorthWoods Stewardship Center, located in East Charleston, was founded in 1989 as the Vermont Leadership Center to provide community and youth education services in northeastern Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1995, the organization attained 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and established the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps to engage young people in environmental stewardship and learning, and

Whereas, in 1996, the organization created land management and conservation science programs to promote long-term forest stewardship, and

Whereas, in 2004, Vermont Leadership Center became the NorthWoods Stewardship Center to reflect the organization's growing regional impact and renewed focus on environmental stewardship, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps was renamed the NorthWoods Conservation Corps in recognition of the program's service to the communities of northern Vermont, New Hampshire, western Maine, and the Connecticut River Valley, and

Whereas, in 2009, NorthWoods received a generous land donation that enabled the organization to expand greatly its campus and sustainably manage, for public enjoyment, 1,480 acres of timberland in eastern Orleans County, and

Whereas, in 2012, NorthWoods established the Forest Stewardship Institute dedicated to advancing the practice of sustainable land management through science, demonstration forestry, education, and consultation services, and

Whereas, NorthWoods provides hands-on workshops, outdoor recreation activities, and school and camp programs that connect youth and adults to the outdoors through environmental education, and

Whereas, the NorthWoods Conservation Corps provides job training and employment for local youth and completes projects that protect, maintain, and enhance the forest, river, and wildlife resources of northern New England, and

Whereas, NorthWoods provides services that enhance the quality and sustainability of local recreational resources and expand opportunities to visit, explore, and learn about the region's cultural, historical, and natural areas, and

Whereas, in 2014, NorthWoods Stewardship Center celebrates its 25th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the NorthWoods Conservation Corps and looks forward to contributing more to the people, communities, and natural resources of northeastern Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center.